

Sons-in-Law Seldom Get Shot, Deputy Coroner Tells Optimists

For several years recently, there was no record of a mother-in-law shooting her son-in-law in Los Angeles County, Deputy Coroner Phil Adkins told members of the Optimist Club at Ding How Cafe Monday evening.

Speaking to members of the club at a regular meeting, Adkins explained the duties of the county coroner's office and told some of the many cases he had been assigned to during his five years with the office.

Outlining the history of the office, the official said that the coroner's system was established by the state and took effect

on July 1, 1888. On that day the first case to enter the office simply read:

56 Stab Wounds
"Wing Lee died because he lost too much blood because of 56 stab wounds in his body." That is the complete record.

Adkins pointed out how the procedure has changed by saying that the Elizabeth Short or famed "Black Dahlia" case filled three file drawers.

The coroner's office gets cases under five circumstances, Adkins said. The coroner is automatically called in on murders, suicides, a certain number of deaths where the victim has not been seen alive by a physician for 30 days, and deaths occurring under doubtful circumstances.

8000 Cases in Year
Last year the county coroner handled 8000 cases, Adkins told the Optimists. Of these, 143 were homicides, 695 were suicides, and coincidentally, 695 were traffic fatalities.

"Drinking was involved in some manner in more than 50 per cent of the fatal traffic accidents last year," he said. Statistics of the coroner indicate that 70 per cent of the traffic fatalities occur between 4:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., he said.

Industrial accidents ranged from a steepjack falling from a tower to a beer salesman falling from a bar stool.

The hardest part of his job, Adkins told the Optimists, was notifying the next of kin of traffic deaths and such.

"It is then that I feel like I would like to be a ditch digger," he said.



RIDGEWAY LEAVES JAPAN ... Local Soldier Snaps Photos Soldier Photos Gen. Ridgeway

Among the many reporters and photographers on hand to record Gen. Matthew Ridgeway's departure from Japan was Pic. James S. Foster of 1300 1/2 W. 218th St.

Foster, a graduate of Torrance High School in 1948 is stationed in Japan just 10 miles across the bay from Kojima Island. He is a teletype and wire-photo repairman in the U. S. Army.

The army man sent a photo of the general to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Foster who lives at the 218th St. address.

Increase Noted In Jobless Here

Persons seeking work in various professional fields, as sales persons, or in agricultural occupations decreased considerably over the last month, according to a report issued this week by Mrs. Winona Ellis, manager of the Department of Employment office here.

Including among the professional job seekers are a photographer, a drilling and blasting engineer, a trumpet player, and a physiotherapist.

The complete report showed that 519 persons from Torrance are now registered for work with the office here, as compared to 476 a month ago. Of the total, 263 are women and 256 are men. Thirty-nine per cent of the men are veterans.

Mrs. Ellis' complete report follows:

| | April | May | June |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Professional | 19 | 31 | 18 |
| Clerical | 66 | 77 | 84 |
| Sales | 29 | 28 | 21 |
| Service | 67 | 59 | 74 |
| Agricultural | 20 | 29 | 15 |
| Skilled | 108 | 78 | 91 |
| Semi-skilled | 67 | 72 | 85 |
| Labor | 96 | 102 | 131 |
| Totals | 472 | 476 | 519 |

Richard Craig Named Corporal

Richard R. Craig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Salzman, 1639 W. 205th St., was recently promoted to corporal while serving with the 25th Infantry Division in Eastern Korea.

The 25th, approaching its third year on the peninsula, held off the Reds at Pusan in the summer of 1950. Now the senior unit in Korea, its patrols are harassing enemy positions northwest of the Punchbowl.

Cpl. Craig, a medical aid man in Medical Company, 14th Infantry Regiment, arrived in Korea last December. He entered the Army in May, 1951 and has been awarded the Combat Medical Badge.

Machinists Union Wins Election at Danmoco

The AFL International Association of Machinists won out in a recent election among employees of Torrance's Danmoco Co. It was reported yesterday.

The AFL union received 84 votes while the CIO United Auto Workers received four, and 56 persons voted against any union.

Certification of the Machinists union as the bargaining agent for Danmoco was announced by the National Labor Relations Board at Los Angeles yesterday.

The certification came as a result of the NLRB-conducted election among the employees, according to John L. Fry, secretary-treasurer of District Lodge

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